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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
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**To:** Neurodevelopmental Centers  
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Managed Care Plans  
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**Subject: Addition to Covered Services for Physical Therapists**

**Retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2001, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) began reimbursing physical therapists for providing active wound care management to MAA-eligible clients.**

**Active Wound Care Management**

MAA reimburses physical therapists for active wound care management involving selective and nonselective debridement techniques to promote healing. Use CPT™ codes 97601 and 97602 to bill for active wound care management. The following conditions apply:

- Active wound care management is not subject to the physical therapy limitation of 48 program units.
- MAA reimburses for one unit of CPT code 97601 or 97602 per client, per day. Do not bill CPT codes 97601 and 97602 in combination with each other.
- Do not bill CPT codes 97601 and 97602 in combination with CPT codes 11040-11044.

**Maximum Allowable Fees**

MAA established the following rates for these procedures:

CPT Code	CPT Short Descriptions	Maximum Allowable Fee	
		Non-Facility	Facility
97601	Wound care selective	\$22.86	\$13.89
97602	Wound care nonselective	\$22.86	\$13.89

Bill MAA your usual and customary fee.

**Miscellaneous Correction**

The following correction applies to MAA's **Physical Therapy Program Billing Instructions** but is unrelated to Active Wound Care Management.

Page	Old Text	New Text
7	Clients can contact their PCP by calling the telephone number located on their MAID card.	<u>Clients can contact their <b>plan</b> by calling the telephone number located on their MAID card.</u>

Attached are replacement pages 7/8, 11/12, and 15/16 for MAA's **Physical Therapy Program Billing Instructions**, dated May 2000. To obtain this memorandum electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (Click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).